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Thank you for your letter to
Mr. Dulles and the enclosed copy of
your "Impressions of California".

Your thoughts on the Middle
East situation were very interesting,
and we appreciate your taking the time
to write us.

Sincerely,

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My dear Mr. Dulles:

Please read this letter when you are not too busy — and will you enjoy giving it a good, blessed thought?

For many months I have been speaking at social gatherings about conditions in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon & Iraq, and stating facts about personalities in those countries.

Because what I have been telling about those countries of the Middle East differed from what all newspapers state, often incorrectly, several of my friends, and others, have been urging me to write to you, or to your Brother, our great Secretary of State — for

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and ask divine guidance whenever
thinking of him and his prodigious
activities.

I was born in Syria, in one
of the oldest Christian families.
Came to this country half a cen-
tury ago, and have been an Am-
erican citizen since 1914.

About that time, in New
York, I was editor & publisher
of an excellent Arabic magazine.

Since coming out here in 1922
I enjoyed entertaining a number
of prominent visitors from Middle
East countries, showing them
many places in this great ~~State~~,
including wondrous Yosemite;
and they have been corresponding
with me ever since they re-
turned home. So I have been
getting first-hand information
from ~~President~~ ^{President} ~~General~~ ^{General} ~~David~~ ^{David}

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~~considered in this country, an honest~~
written truthfully in good Arabic.

The most hated man in those countries was Iraq's tyrant, Nuri As-Said - that name should be written Noory As-Sa-eed. What happened in Bagdad a few weeks ago was expected to take place any time for months.

I wonder if you know how Lebanon's Chamoun is regarded by those who know him well, and have known him for many years!

By the way, his name should be written Kamel Sham-on, not Camille Ch---, that is much more like his Arabic name ~~Chamoun~~.

When he became president he owed a number of people various amounts, and in a few years his wealth was estimated by several million dollars, to which he helped himself from his country's treasury. Some of ^{old} friends consider him disloyal, treacherous, avaricious.

14 and a Christian only in name.
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a journalist, N. Almaray, who continued to criticize him after he was warned . . . , was assassinated last May in Beirut. Dr. Chas. Malek, who is well known at the U.N., is looked upon in his country as a hypocrite.

I know a great deal about Abdul Nasser (this name, *Abde*, means "servant of God; Nasser being one of the 100 Arabic names for God, *allah*). He is very much unlike all Arab leaders who live in palaces and spend tens of millions building them, like King Saud. . . A group of Egyptians, who were educated in England, advise him, and he is the best among them to face and address a crowd either in classical Arabic or in their common way of speaking it. "Nasser" is not a dictator; I am convinced that his aim is to improve the poor conditions of the people in Egypt — most of

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I wish I could spend couple hours with you explaining the whole situation of the Arabs, clearly describing their traits and ways. They can be easily convinced that the U.S. is so much superior to Russia, and is the best nation in the world for them to look up to.

But, as you know, ^{they} have been thinking and feeling that "John Foster Dulles & the U.S. have no good feelings for them and no sympathy".... I have written letters to editors of papers & magazines in three cities in Syria cogently refuting that false idea — and, also, denying the accusations that "the Negro is still a slave in the U.S.A.", and "... it was the U.S. who created Israel"...

You know, of course, that the people of Asia, including the Chinese, do feel for the Arabs, who are (90%) Moslems. For this, among

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for me to do. I'd take everything
possible to win the feelings
and friendships of all the
Arabic speaking people. That
can be done! I believe that
if Mr. J. F. will write a few
letters showing a friendly attitude
he can magically influence and
win the hearts of the leaders
to whom he sends those letters;

And I wish I could take
his letter to "Nasser" myself,
and sit with him and his
advisers, and cogently tell
them in the clearest and best
of Arabic that John Foster Dulles
and the U. S. Government,
undoubtedly, have far better
wishes for their well-being than
the Russians do..."

No one can
speak or write, about this blessed
country and the tangible and
unseen virtues of its people
better than

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foreign-born American, or can be, more appreciative of this country, or more grateful to its people than I am!

If there is anything I can do for you in any of those Middle East countries please let me know. I am sure I can secure for you the most accurate information. People over there will receive and treat me as one of them, not as an American reporter, or diplomat, or tourist.

Hoping you'll enjoy the enclosed California pictures — and versa. Similar copies have gone to all the states, and to many foreign countries. I sent a specially-made copy to General and Mrs. Eisenhower in 1952 to Columbia University, with a few lines of good wishes, which were acknowledged in a really beautiful letter sent from Augusta after the election of that year.

I am, yours with genuine sincerity,

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This is a personal letter for Mr. Dulles.

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